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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY RESTRICTIONS AGAINST TRADE
WITH CUBA.

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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO PIERRE
SAZARIN, QUAI D'ORSAY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC
AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON
MORNING 22 AUGUST.

2. IN CONTEXT OF ABOVE DISCUSSION SAZARIN NOTED THAT
HE HAD THE IMPRESSION FROM FRENCH NICKEL IMPORTERS THAT
APPROXIMATELY 1969-1970 FRENCH FIRMS HAD DIFFICULTY
EXPORTING TO U.S. MANUFACTURED GOODS WHICH CONTAINED
NICKEL ORIGINATING IN CUBA. HE ASKED WHETHER THERE
WOULD BE ANY PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN SUCH TRADE IN THE
FUTURE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS PRESENTLY A
HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION WHICH MIGHT BECOME PERTINENT
SHOULD MARKET PRICES CHANGE. HE NOTED FRANCE SATISFIES
ITS CURRENT NICKEL REQUIREMENTS FROM NEW CALEDONIA.
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